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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	<b>CONNECTION CONTROL SYSTEM, CONNECTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND CONNECTION MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT</b>	

Enclosed are:

- 29 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Request for Priority to claim priority date of December 3, 2003.
- An Executed Declaration.
- An assignment executed by inventor to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Communication Technologies, Ltd.
- A Information Disclosure Statement
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